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Find Out What's New About The Illinois Resource Network

The new Illinois Resource Network (IRN) is a network of faculty members and federal research scientists at five universities and one federal research laboratory in Illinois. More than 6,500 names and resumes have been maintained in the network. These professionals represent virtually every imaginable discipline—technology, science, medicine, humanities, the arts, agriculture and more.

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Because academic and federal research is escalating at a rapid pace, it can be difficult to keep informed of the latest technology. IRN is an invaluable tool for keeping up with current research by assisting business, education and government organizations in locating top faculty and research experts and specialists.

The information included in the resumes of the professionals in IRN consists of each member's name, address and telephone number, professional identification, their research objectives, current projects and areas of interest, education, work experience, awards, and a bibliography of their publications.

It's easy to use IRN; contact information is given on the back of this newsletter.

IRN has been used for many different purposes, for example, to locate consultants, guest speakers, performers and expert witnesses. If you think IRN might be able to help you, give us a try.

It's easy to use IRN. All it takes is a telephone call to our research laboratory or one of our five universities. The telephone numbers, contact persons, and areas of specialties are listed on the back of this newsletter.

Tell the IRN representative the type of information you are seeking. Try to describe your needs as specifically as possible. Once your topic has been categorized, the search will be directed to individuals who most closely match your needs. The results are usually mailed to you the next day. It's up to you to contact the individuals listed by IRN and to make further arrangements.

The Illinois Resource Network was created to facilitate information exchange between academic and research organizations and the citizens of Illinois. However, IRN also welcomes requests from out-of-state businesses and government organizations. You or your organization can gain access to this timely information by calling one of IRN's participating institutions listed in this newsletter.

Timely Topics

Here are just a few consultant searches IRN has conducted recently.

- Criminal Justice
- Interior Design
- Child Care Facilities Planning
- Shakespeare

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Focus on Illinois Resource Network Members

After careful analysis of approaches to deliver the most timely and up-to-date information with the greatest efficiency, the Illinois Resource Network Board of Directors has made the decision to implement a new format for IRN. We want to take the opportunity to tell you more about using IRN in its new format in this final edition of *Network Notes*.

In the new format, institutions participating in IRN will maintain their own faculty databases in-house. There are six member institutions: Argonne National Laboratory, Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

To request an IRN search, you call one of IRN's six member institutions with your request. In deciding which institution to contact, keep in mind your preference for geographical location.

Following are names and addresses of the six institutions with phone numbers and IRN contact persons for each institution.

Illinois Resource Network Member Institutions

Keep this list posted and refer to it whenever you need an expert consultant, guest speaker, expert witness or specialist for any reason.

Argonne National Laboratory
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Contact: Shari Zussman
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Northern Illinois University
204 Lowden Hall
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